



EAST METRO RAIL

YARDS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WELCOME!

Open House 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority in Partnership with District 1 Community Council

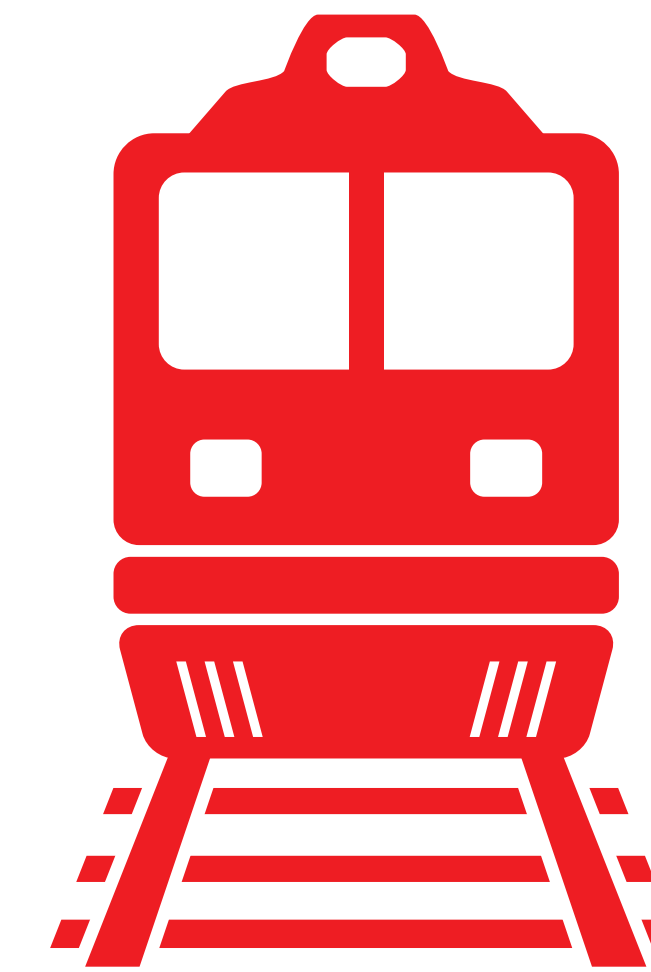


Project Overview

- Led by Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority (RCRRA) in partnership with MnDOT and railroads
- Builds off and considers changes since 2012 East Metro Rail Capacity Study
- Identifies and evaluates “shovel ready” projects

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Based on updated conditions in the project area, a passenger track flyover and a Lower Afton Station are no longer needed.



Project Elements

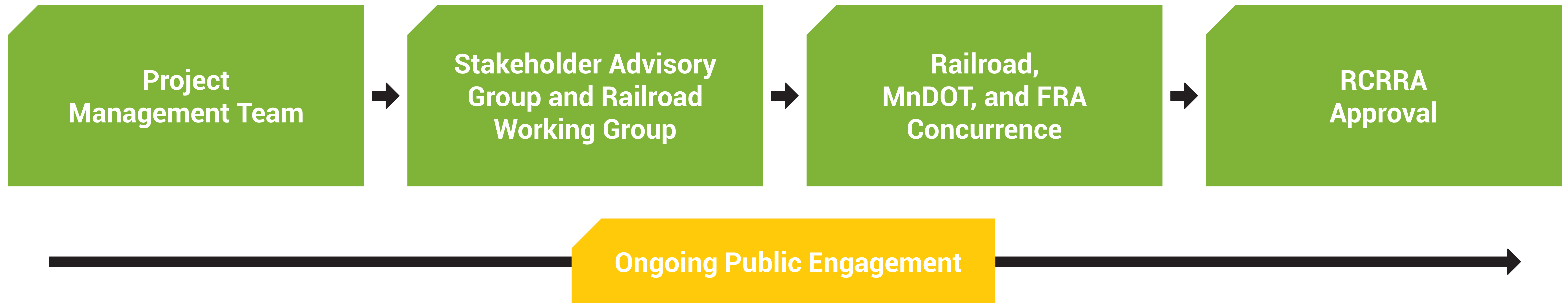
- Communication and Public Involvement
- Conceptual Engineering
- Environmental Documentation
- Railroad Coordination

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The environmental document will include analysis of: land use, historic properties, contaminated materials, noise, vibration, parks, wildlife, air quality, safety, water resources, community, minority and low income populations, and transportation.



Decision-Making Process



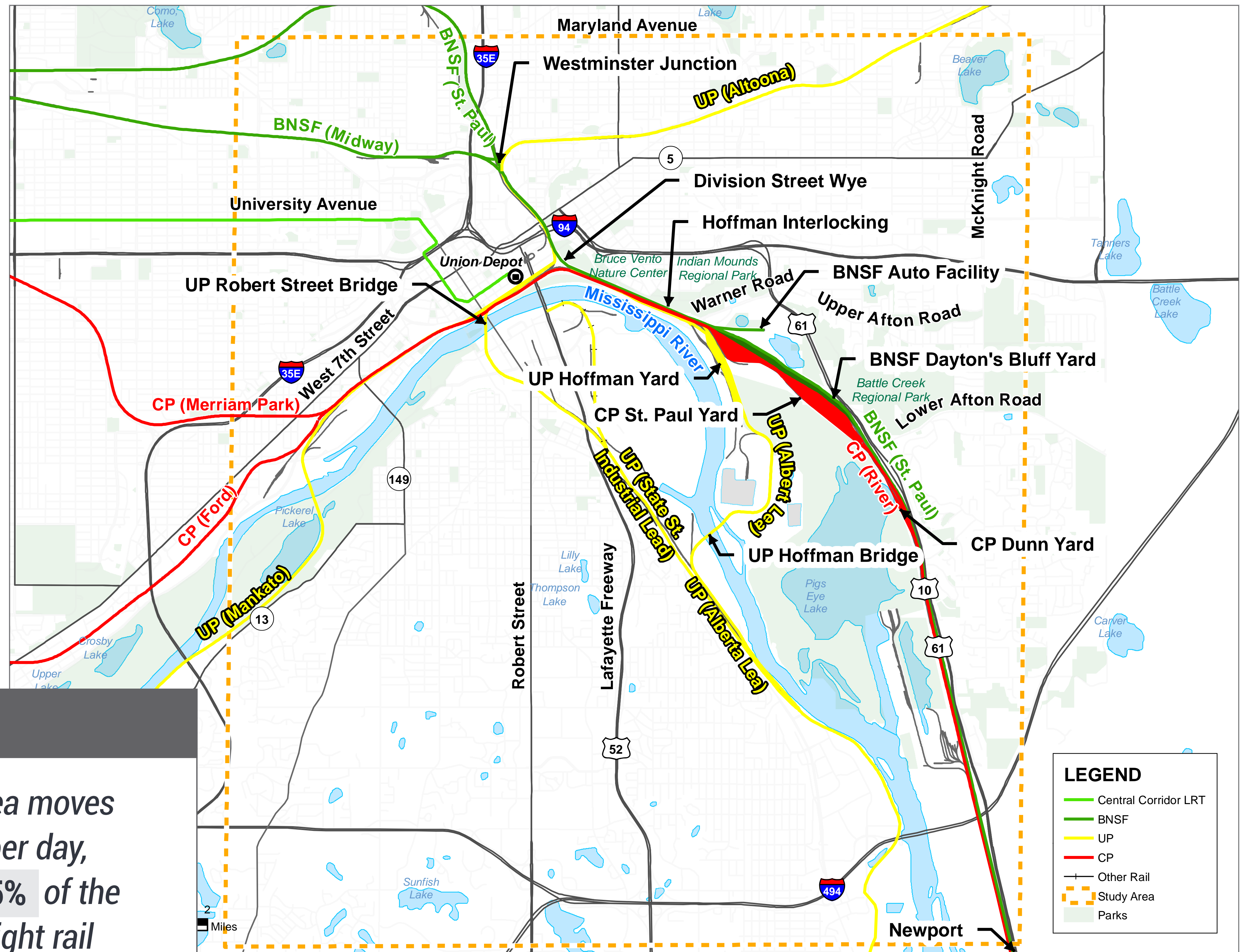
Railroad Working Group:

- Canadian Pacific Railway
- Union Pacific Railroad
- BNSF Railway
- Twin Cities and Western
- Minnesota Commercial
- Union Depot Railroad

Stakeholder Advisory Group:

- Cities, counties, and townships
- State agencies
- National Park Service
- St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce
- Metropolitan Council
- Amtrak
- Lower Phalen Creek Project
- District Councils

Study Area



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The East Metro area moves **7,500** rail cars per day, accommodating **5%** of the total national freight rail volume **every day.**

Project Goals

Goal 1



Reduce delay and improve movement of trains

Goal 2



Accommodate future freight growth and passenger rail connections to Union Depot



Schedule

	2016	2017												2018					
	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	
Review Previous Projects		█																	
Communication and Engagement	█																		
Stakeholder Advisory Group				*			*					*				*			
Railroad Working Group				*			*			*		*		*		*	*	*	
Public Open Houses								*								*			
Capacity Improvement Analysis			█																
Capacity Modeling						█													
Conceptual Engineering			█																
Capital and Operating Cost Estimates										█					█				
Environmental Analysis and Documentation						█													
Framework for Railroad Agreement																	█		

* = Meeting

Project Needs

- Slow track speeds and congestion at yard entrances/exits
- Rail and roadway interruption and delay
- Limited rerouting opportunities

